regard to the local bodies, so as to ensure his independence and accountability.

(iv) The C&AG should prescribe the format for the preparation of budgets and for keeping of accounts for the local bodies. Such formats should be amenable to computerisation in a networked environment.

(v) Local bodies particularly the village level panchayats and in some case the intermediate level panchayats, that do not have trained accounts staff, may contract out the upkeep of accounts to outside agencies/person. For this purpose:

(a) The C&AG may lay down the qualification and experience for the agency/person who could be contracted out the work of maintenance of accounts. The Director, Local Fund Audit or his equivalent authority may do the registration of such agency/ person.

(b) A group of local bodies may be entrusted to an agency/person for upkeep of accounts on payment of remuneration as may be fixed by the C&AG in consultation with the State Government.

(c) The Director, Local Fund Audit or his equivalent authority, under the direction of the C&AG, may do the supervision over the quality of work of such agency/person.

(d) Non-compliance or poor performance should lead to deregistration of the agency/person entrusted with such task.

(vi) Audit of accounts of the local bodies be entrusted to the C & AG who may get it done through his own staff or by engaging outside agencies on payment of remuneration fixed by him. An amount of half-a-per cent of the total expenditure incurred by the local bodies should be placed with the C & AG for this purpose.

(vii) The report of the C&AG relating to audit of accounts of the panchayats and the municipalities should be placed before a Committee of the State Legislature constituted on the same lines as the Public Accounts Committee.

New petrol pumps and LPG agencies in Arunachal Pradesh

*345. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new petrol pumps and LPG agencies proposed to be set up in the Ninth Five Year Plan in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies set up so far in the State; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) As on 1.3.2001, there were 33 Retail Outlet dealerships and 24 LPG distributorships in operation in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

As on 1.3.2001, 8 locations for Retail Outlet dealerships and 4 locations for LPG distributorships were pending for selection through interview by the concerned Dealer Selection Board. Details are given in the Statement.

Statement

(A) *Retail outlet dealerships:*

S. No.	Location	Distict
1.	Boleng	East Siang
2.	Banderdewa	Papumpare
3.	Along	West Siang
4.	Hayuliang	Lohit
5.	Ganga	Papumpare
6.	Jenging	East Siang
7.	Mohadevpur Lekang circle	Lohit
8.	Bogapani	Tirap

(B) *LPG Distributorships:*

S. No.	Location	District
1.	Deomali	Tirap
2.	Itanagar	Papumpare
3.	Doimukh	Papumpare
4.	Longding	Tirap